

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 2-27 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 1 is currently under consideration. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Number 09/563,167. An extension of time to respond to the office action dated August 21, 2001 has been filed in the parent application. The specification has been amended to provide cross-reference to a related patent applications. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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Respectfully submitted,

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In the specification

On page 1, starting at line 10, please amend the paragraph Related Application as follows:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/563,167, filed May 2, 2000, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/118,055, filed September 8, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/652,648, filed February 8, 1991[8 February 1991], now U.S. Patent No. 5,268,454, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 2-27.

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